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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 24, 2008

TO: Magistrates and Referees
cc: Chief Judges

FROM: Carl L. Gromek 

RE: Magistrate and Referee Financial Reporting

After consulting with representatives from the judicial associations, the State Bar of Michigan, and the Executive Director of the Judicial Tenure Commission, I am left with the inescapable conclusion that because referees and magistrates are subject to the Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct [MCR 9.201(B)(2)], they are also required to file financial reports pursuant to Canons 6C and 5C(4)(c).

Beginning with the 2008 Financial Report (due on or before April 15, 2009), every full-time and part-time magistrate and referee must annually submit a Financial Report form (SCAO 17 - the same form used by the judges) to the State Court Administrative Office with a copy to the chief judge of the court in which the magistrate or referee serves. The Financial Report form has been revised to include magistrates and referees. Chief judges should review the reports for potential conflicts and notify their regional administrator of any problems.